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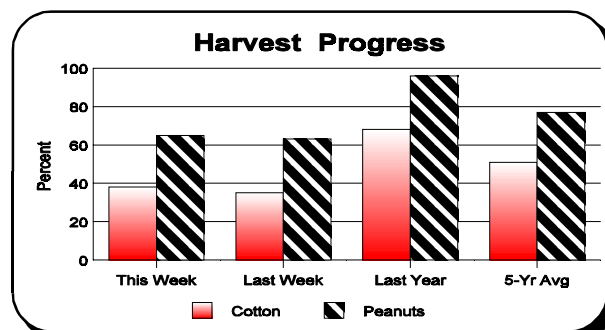
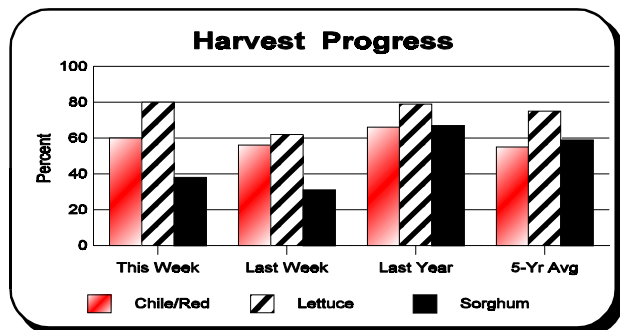
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 10, 2002

NEW MEXICO: Topsoil moisture was 6% very short, 38% short, and 56% adequate. There were 6 days suitable for field work. Freeze damage was 9% light, 36% moderate and 14% severe. By mid-week fields were beginning to dry out allowing harvest to resume. Alfalfa was listed at 10% poor, 38% fair, 43% good, and 9% excellent with 82% of the 7th cutting complete. Cotton was in mostly fair to good condition with 38% of the crop harvested. Irrigated sorghum was in fair to good condition, while dryland sorghum remained in very poor to fair condition. The total sorghum crop was 38% harvested. Irrigated and dryland wheat were reported in mostly good condition. Peanut harvest started up again slowly and was reported at 65% complete. Lettuce progressed to 80% of the crop being harvested while 60% of the red chile crop has been harvested. Onion planting is complete with the crop reported in mostly excellent condition. Ranchers were finishing marketing their calves and lambs. Cattle conditions improved slightly and were reported at 8% very poor, 19% poor, 28% fair and 45% good; Sheep conditions also showed slight improvement, 12% very poor, 28% poor 20% fair, 26% good and 14% excellent. Pasture and range conditions are listed as 19% very poor 44% poor 32% fair and 5% good.

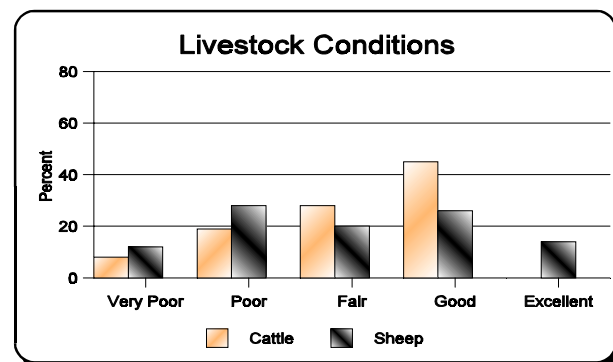
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Harvested-Red	60	56	66	55
COTTON	Harvested	38	35	68	51
LETTUCE	Harvested	80	62	79	75
PEANUTS	Harvested	65	63	96	77
SORGHUM	Harvested	38	31	67	59



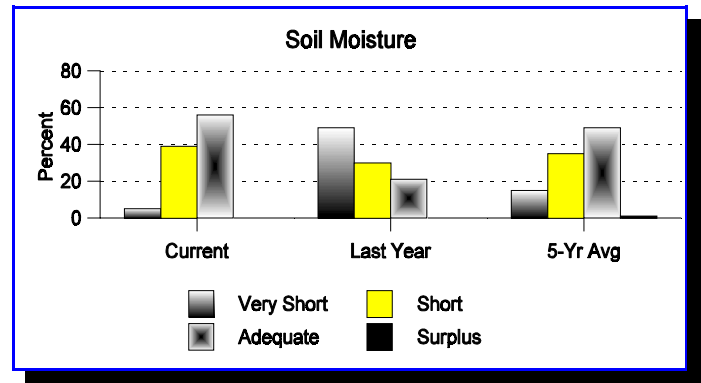
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	—	10	38	43	9
Cotton	3	1	39	41	16
Onions	—	—	10	20	70
Pecans	—	—	35	33	32
Sorghum (All)	24	18	41	17	—
Wheat (All)	—	1	15	84	—
Cattle	8	19	28	45	—
Sheep	12	28	20	26	14



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	5	22	73	--
Northeast	--	41	59	--
Southwest	20	60	20	--
Southeast	8	42	50	--
State	6	38	56	--
State-Last Year	49	30	21	--
State-5-Yr Avg.	15	35	49	1



WEATHER SUMMARY

Gusty winds were reported across the state during mid week as several spring-like, fast-moving, high level weather systems passed west to east from the Pacific Coast. Northern mountains saw high elevation snow while showers extended south through the central valleys and adjacent Estancia Valley surrounding Moriarty. Winds and clouds reduced the usual large swing in day to night temperatures for the second half of the week.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS NOVEMBER 4-10, 2002

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	11/04 11/10	11/01 11/10	Normal Nov	01/01 11/10	Normal Jan-Nov
Carlsbad	54.2	78	32	0.00	0.08	0.59	11.65	12.38
Hobbs	50.5	77	31	0.03	0.13	0.55	14.68	15.57
Roswell	53.3	79	30	0.01	0.06	0.55	13.01	12.38
Clayton	48.9	73	29	0.10	0.11	0.52	8.39	14.80
Clovis	52.5	75	36	T	0.19	0.73	12.50	16.97
Roy	---	---	---	---	---	0.50	15.93	15.29
Tucumcari	51.6	75	25	T	0.02	0.51	13.35	13.90
Chama	32.5	56	13	1.71	1.71	1.72	11.53	19.81
Johnson Ranch	39.7	61	19	0.65	0.65	0.69	7.76	10.85
Capulin	41.3	68	17	0.04	0.05	0.67	11.28	16.94
Las Vegas	43.6	66	24	0.12	0.13	0.67	9.90	16.49
Los Alamos	38.1	53	21	1.20	1.36	1.02	10.83	17.64
Raton	41.4	65	19	0.07	0.33	0.61	10.37	16.22
Santa Fe	40.1	59	18	0.57	0.57	0.63	9.06	13.21
Red River	32.7	52	10	1.01	1.01	1.18	17.95	19.33
Farmington	42.4	60	24	0.54	0.54	0.94	6.01	8.12
Gallup	41.3	63	16	0.43	0.43	0.95	9.97	11.91
Grants	41.1	63	20	0.73	0.73	0.58	8.85	10.14
Silver City	47.4	67	28	0.18	0.18	0.70	7.84	14.72
Quemado	43.4	65	17	0.82	0.82	0.45	12.85	13.04
Albuquerque	47.1	67	30	0.49	0.49	0.43	5.90	8.38
Carrizozo	46.6	70	18	0.00	0.00	0.76	10.45	12.07
Gran Quivera	43.7	64	26	0.41	0.41	0.91	10.62	14.92
Moriarty	42.5	65	16	0.28	0.30	0.40	6.19	12.17
Ruidoso	44.9	63	21	0.03	0.03	0.88	14.74	19.72
Socorro	51.9	74	23	0.00	0.00	0.47	8.73	8.95
Alamogordo	55.4	75	34	0.00	0.00	0.71	8.10	11.92
Animas	56.7	75	30	0.00	0.00	0.71	5.78	10.62
Deming	53.1	72	30	T	0.00	0.64	7.86	9.73
T or C	52.6	72	34	0.25	0.25	0.60	6.42	9.22
Las Cruces	53.7	75	29	0.00	0.00	0.53	5.95	8.72

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

CROP PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Corn for grain production is forecast at 6.8 million bushels unchanged from last month and is down 17 percent from a year ago. Acreage harvested for grain is forecast at 38,000 acres. Yields are expected to average 180 bushels per acre. Upland cotton producers expect to harvest 100,000 bales, also unchanged from last month, but 24,000 bales less than last year. Harvested acreage remained at 56,000 acres, 9,000 less than last year with yields expected to reach 857 pounds per acre. American Pima harvested acreage is forecast at 7,000 acres. 1,800 acres above last year. Yields are anticipated to reach 960 pounds per acre, below the record yield set last year at 969 pounds per acre. Sorghum production is forecast at 2.25 million bushels, unchanged from last month's forecast. Based on November 1 conditions, sorghum yield is forecast at 30 bushels per acre. Peanut production is estimated at 64.4 million pounds, unchanged from the October 1 forecast. Growers expect to harvest 23,000 acres, with yields expected to average 2,800 pound per acre. Fall Potato production is forecast at 1.6 million cwt., 12 percent greater than last year.

UNITED STATES: Corn for grain acreage harvested and to be harvested for grain is forecast at 70.5 million acres, unchanged from October but up 3 percent from 2001. Sorghum production is forecast at 381 million bushels, down 1 percent from last month and down 26 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest production since 1956. Based on conditions as of November 1, the sorghum yield forecast is 50.7 bushels per acre, down 0.7 bushel from October and down 9.2 bushels from last year. Peanuts production is forecast at 3.51 billion pounds, down 6 percent from last month and down 18 percent from 2001. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.36 million acres, unchanged from the October estimate, but down 4 percent from 2001. Yields are expected to average 2,579 pounds, 178 pounds below last month and down 450 pounds from 2001. Upland cotton harvested area, at 12.6 million acres, is unchanged from the October estimate but 7 percent less than last year. Harvest in the Southwestern States was delayed by persistent showers and cooler than normal temperatures. New Mexico growers had to deal with above average rainfall for the month. American-Pima harvested area, at 241,400 acres, is unchanged from October but down 10 percent from 2001 harvest area. Harvest progress is behind the 5-year average. American-Pima production is forecast at 635,000 bales, unchanged from the October forecast but down 9 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is forecast at a record high 1,263 pounds per harvested acre, the same as last month. If realized, this would be 9 pounds above the previous record established in 2001. Production of fall potatoes for 2002 is forecast at 415 million cwt, up 5 percent from last year but 11 percent smaller than the record high 2000 crop. Area harvested, at 1.12 million acres, is up 4 percent from last year but 6 percent below two years ago. The average yield is forecast at 371 cwt per acre, 4 cwt above last year.

November 2002 Crop Summary: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, 2001 and Forecasted November 1, 2002

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
		2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
		-----1,000 Acres-----		-----Units-----		-----1,000 Units-----	
NEW MEXICO							
Corn for Grain	Bu	46	38	180.0	180.0	8,280	6,840
Upland Cotton ^{1/2/}	Lb	65.0	56.0	916	857	124.0	100.0
A-P Cotton ^{1/2/}	Lb	5.2	7.0	969	960	10.5	14.0
Sorghum for Grain	Bu	140	75	45.0	30.0	6,300	2,250
Peanuts	Lb	22.2	23.0	3,020	2,800	67,044	64,400
Potatoes, Fall	Cwt	4.2	4.0	340	400	1,428	1,600
UNITED STATES							
Corn for Grain	Bu	68,808	70,541	138.2	127.6	9,506,840	9,003,364
Upland Cotton ^{1/2/}	Lb	13,559.5	12,620.0	694	653	19,602.4	17,180.0
A-P Cotton ^{1/2/}	Lb	268.2	241.4	1,254	1,263	700.4	635.0
Sorghum for Grain	Bu	8,584	7,528	59.9	50.7	514,524	381,499
Peanuts	Lb	1,411.9	1,360.5	3,029	2,579	4,276,704	3,508,650
Potatoes, Fall	Cwt	1,222.2	1,271.1	358	362	437,888	459,734

^{1/} Production ginned and to be ginned. ^{2/} Yield reported in pounds per acre: production in bales (480 lb net wt).

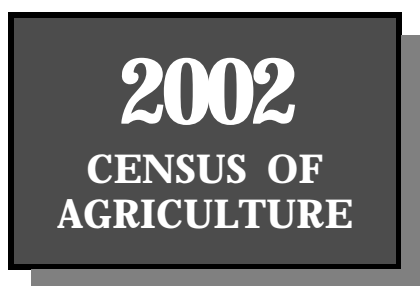
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